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From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Fri 8/14/2015 8:50:33 PM
Subject: URGENT EOC ACTION - DENVER POST: DEADLINE ASAP

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What has EPA done so far to pay for damages?

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Just need quick short answers. Facing questions on whether EPA immune from prosecution - want to be able to answer correctly.

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From: Laura Jenkins [mailto:Jenkins.Laura@epamail.epa.gov]
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To: Press
Cc: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa

Subject: JIC ACTION: DENVER POST: DEADLINE ASAP

Request from Bruce Finley, Denver Post, for information on claims and liability.

1. How many claims for damages received so far?
2. What has EPA done so far to pay for damages?
3. Can I say [EPA] assumes full liability?

Note from Bruce: Just need quick short answers. Facing questions on whether EPA immune from prosecution - want to be able to answer correctly.

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From: Bruce Finley [<mailto:bfinley@denverpost.com>]

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 11:21 AM

To: Jenkins, Laura Flynn

Subject: Re: EPA Daily Media Call on Gold King Mine Response

ASAP - facing those questions now. Need as soon as you can get. Just the short basics so I can have correct info. - Bruce

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2015, at 10:33 AM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn <Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

I don't have the answers to your questions on claims so am elevating to our Joint Information Center in Durango. What is your deadline?

Regarding whether you can state EPA assumes full responsibility, below are links to the transcripts from the Administrator's press conferences. I think they should answer that question but, if not, please let me know and I'll also elevate this question to the JIC.

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/audio-administrator-mccarthys-press-conference-durango-co-8122015>

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/audio-administrator-mccarthys-press-conference-farmington-nm-8132015>

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From: Bruce Finley [mailto:bfinley@denverpost.com]
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 10:09 AM
To: Jenkins, Laura Flynn
Subject: Re: EPA Daily Media Call on Gold King Mine Response

Laura - How many claims for damages received so far? What has EPA done so far to pay for damages? Can I say assumes full liability? Just need quick short answers. Facing questions on whether EPA immune from prosecution - want to be able to answer correctly. - Bruce

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On Aug 14, 2015, at 7:57 AM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn <Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:



Contact: press@epa.gov (970) 812-3351

For immediate release

August 14, 2015

3 PM MTN: EPA Daily Media Call on Gold King Mine Response

COLORADO – (August 13, 2015) EPA is providing a daily update for members of the media via conference call on the Gold King Mine response efforts. EPA is working closely with first responders and local and state officials in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Southern Ute Tribe and Navajo Nation to monitor water contaminated by the spill. The agency has activated its Emergency Operations System to ensure coordination among regions, laboratories and national program offices in Washington, DC.

WHO: EPA Officials from Regions 6, 8, and 9 (varies by date)

WHEN: August 14, 3 PM (Mountain, MT)

WHERE: Conference Dial-in Number: **1-866-900-8984**

Conference Identification: **10467704**, Gold King Mine Release – EPA Media Update

For the latest information, photos, and the data when available, visit

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine>

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